



St. Mary's Primary School

Parents' Newsletter

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GUESS MY NAME

The 'Guess the name of the Bunnies' had a fantastic response, thank-you to all who were scratching their heads thinking of two names this year. The Bunnies were aptly named after the weather we have had: Beast from the East: Beauty and the Beast /Beast & Belle. A superb total of £414.50 was raised for school funds.

A huge thank you to 'SpringIsland Supermarket' in Coalisland, who sponsored the Easter Egg hunt this year.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School closed Monday 7th May.
School closed Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June.
School reopens Monday 4th June

Well done to you!

We were very proud of the Primary 4 children who made their First Confession and Primary 7 who took part in the Service of light in preparation for their Confirmation before Easter. They all participated so wonderfully during the ceremony and made each of the evenings very special indeed.

Annual Assessments

Unfortunately, there is no 'let up' in the pupil's learning as each of the classes start preparations for the summer assessments. The P7 pupils will commence their tests in the week beginning 30th April with the rest of the school starting theirs the week beginning 21st May.

Congratulations to Eimear Nixon who is the very proud big sister to Baby Ollie

We are sure that mum & dad are getting lots of help from Eimear as she is so kind and helpful to Mrs Duffy and Lynette in school.

A warm welcome to Ryan who joins us in P1. We hope you are getting to know your new school friends.

TROCAIRE

Our fundraising efforts for Trocaire was outstanding this year with £491.89 being raised in school during the "Healthy Breaks for Trocaire". Fruit, pancakes and delicious home baked buns were readily eaten and enjoyed by the children.

Well done to all pupils, staff and a big thank you to you the parents for your support and generosity.

Traditional Group

St Patrick's celebrations in school saw the traditional music group, Irish dancers and Feis speakers take to the floor in a celebration of Irish culture and language. They really were superb! Special mention and thanks on advance to our traditional group for their dedication and their participation in school events that will be coming up shortly - confirmation, communion and end of year school masses. As you know Donald Canavan teaches traditional music in school and is tireless in his efforts to ensure that our school is performing at top level.

If your son/daughter has been fortunate enough to get a place with Donald, please ensure that they complete daily practice with their tunes as Donald's time with us is precious.



Birthdays Celebrations in April

Niall Devlin

Annie Corr

Amy Kells

Clíodhna Taggart

Mrs McBride

Mrs M Hamill

Confirmation

The **Confirmation** ceremony for our P7 pupils will take place this year on **Thursday 19th April** at **5pm**. P7 pupils will be marked present that day. **All P7 pupils to be collected by 12:30pm. Early lunch provided.** Following the confirmation ceremony photography will be available around the church and also at Primate Dixon PS. Mr Dillon has kindly booked a photographer, if you and your family would like to avail of this you can pre book your slot using the link: www.lafayettephotography.eu. All P7 pupils to bring their confirmation clothes to school on **Friday 20th April** for their official class photograph in St Mary's church. Copies of which will also be available to purchase.

Representing the school.

Thank you to the following pupils who represented the school at Gaelic Football and swimming in March.
Jack Lowe, James Robinson and Joseph Wylie participated at half time matches at two recent Tyrone games.
Aoife Dillon, James Coyle, Lucie McIlhatton and Michael Hughes who took part in the Mid Ulster Schools Gala at Cookstown.

Congratulations

Well done also to P6 and 7 pupils: Caolan Hamill, Katie McElhatton, Rebecca Doris, Cara Campbell, Cara O'Hanlon, James Coyle, Lucie McIlhatton and Aoife Dillon who completed either their Bronze or Silver level 'Music Medal' for violin or viola by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.
Thanks to Mrs Bryans for her tuition to this level.

Thanks to the P1 parents who have returned their child's medical forms. The school Health Team will be in school from Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th April.

DATES FOR THE DIARY: APRIL

Date	Event
19 th	Confirmation
24 th	Shared Education Mrs Duffy's class
24 th - 26 th	School Health Team P1
26 th - 27 th	Shared Education Basketball P5,6 & 7

Local Feis

Superb results from the Coalisland Feis for St Mary's, where once again we topped the polls!
The children's renditions of their stories were remarked upon by the organisers and the school's involvement in their preparations. We can only say we are proud indeed to be involved in this long running tradition within the parish.

Erasmus +

Mrs M Hamill & Mrs Duffy will be attending a course in Helsinki, Finland this month where they will take part in structured educational visits to schools and training institutions. Following their visit, they will update the Erasmus page on the school website and inform their classes of the children they met and the types of school they attended. This project is funded by the British Council.



APRIL SCHOOL MEALS



Week commencing:	9 th April	16 th April	23 rd April	30 th April
Monday	Savoury Mince and Pasta Fish Fingers Peas/Carrots/Gravy Pasta and Mashed Pots Shortbread and Custard	Barbequed Chicken Drumsticks Savoury Mince Turnip/Peas/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Muffin and Custard	Grilled Bacon Fish Fingers Peas/Turnip/Pasta Mashed Pots/Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard	Irish Stew Butchers Burger Carrots/Peas Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Flakemeal Biscuit/Fruit/Custard
Tuesday	Pizza Barbequed Chicken Wraps Peas/Corn Chips /Pasta/Mashed Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish n Crumbs Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Peas and Corn Pancake and Fruit	Home-made Chicken/Veg Soup Selection of Bread Butchers Burger and Bap Salad and Cheese Jelly and Fruit	Pizza /Chips Lasagne Peas/Corn/Coleslaw Mashed Pots/Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit
Wednesday	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Rice Pudding and Peaches	Cottage Pie Cheese and Tomato Pizza Beans/Peas /Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Chocolate Cookie and Custard	Pizza Chilli Chicken Wrap Beans/Peas/Pasta Chips/Mashed Pots/Gravy Swiss Roll and Custard and Fruit	Chicken Curry and Rice Fish in Crumbs Beans /Peas Mashed Pots/ Gravy Fruit Sponge and Custard
Thursday	Butchers Burgers/Chips Tuna Wraps Salad/Peas/Pots/Gravy Jelly and Fruit	Roast Ham and Stuffing Chicken Wrap Carrots and Broccoli Mashed Pots/Gravy/Pasta Jelly and Fruit	Roast Chicken and Stuffing Broccoli and Carrots Mashed Pots/Pasta/Gravy Krispie Square and Custard	Roast Turkey Stuffing Carrots and Broccoli Pasta/Mashed Potato/Gravy Rice Pudding and Peaches
Friday	Home-made Veg and Chicken Soup Selection of Bread Hot Dog Salad/Cheese	Chicken Nuggets/Chips Tuna Wraps Mixed Salad/Pasta Corn/Pots/Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit	SPRING MADNESS Cocktail Sausages Mini Pizza Chips/Mashed Pots/Pasta Frozen Mousse and Fruit	Chicken Nuggets/Chips Tuna Roll Mixed Salad/Pasta Corn /Pots/Gravy Fairy Cake/Fruit/Custard